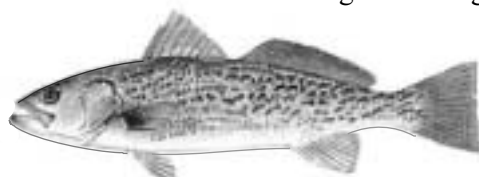


# ATTENTION ANGLERS

## 2004 NJ Minimum Size, Possession Limits & Seasons

Fish are measured from tip of snout to tip of tail (*except Black Sea Bass*).  
Cleaning or filleting of fish with a minimum size limit while at sea is prohibited.



**Weakfish**  
8 fish at 13 inches



**Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass**  
1 fish at 28"

1 fish at 24" or greater, but less than 28"

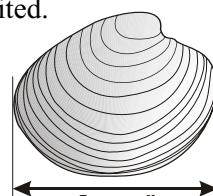
★ Size limits likely to change during 2004

Del. River & tribs. (Rt. 1 Bridge); Trenton, to Salem River & tribs

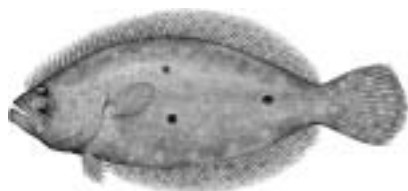
Open Mar. 1 - Mar. 31 & June 1 - Dec. 31

Atlantic Ocean (0-3 miles from shore), no closed season  
(Greater than 3 miles from shore), closed

All other marine waters, open Mar. 1 - Dec. 31



**Hard Clam**  
recreational limit - 150 clams  
No harvest on Sunday  
License required



**Summer Flounder (Fluke)**  
8 Fish at 16 1/2 inches  
Open Season: May 8 - Oct. 11



**Tautog** 14 inches  
Open seasons:  
4 fish Jan. 1 - May 31  
1 fish June 1 - Nov. 14  
8 fish Nov. 15 - Dec. 31



25 FISH @  
12 INCHES  
**Black Sea Bass**  
Open season:  
Jan. 1- Sept. 7  
Sept. 22 -Nov. 30



**Bluefish**  
15 fish no minimum size

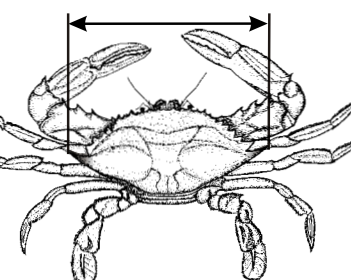
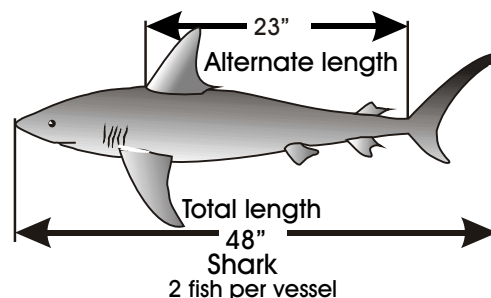
### PROHIBITED SPECIES

*It is illegal to take, possess  
or land any of the following  
species:*

**BIGEYE SAND TIGER SHARK  
SHORTNOSE STURGEON  
ATLANTIC STURGEON  
SAND TIGER SHARK  
BASKING SHARK  
WHALE SHARK  
WHITE SHARK**



**Winter Flounder** 11 inches  
Open seasons: March 1- May 31  
Sept. 15 - Dec. 31



**Blue Crab (point to point)**  
peeler or shedder - 3 inches  
soft - 3 1/2 inches  
hard - 4 1/2 inches  
recreational limit - one bushel  
Crab pot/Trot line Seasons:  
Delaware Bay & tributaries  
April 6 - Dec. 4  
All other waters  
March 15 - Nov. 30

OTHER SPECIES	POSSESSION LIMIT	TOTAL LENGTH
AMERICAN EEL	50	6"
BLACK DRUM	3	16"
COBIA	2	37"
COD	NO LIMIT	21"
HADDOCK	NO LIMIT	21"
KING MACKEREL	3	23"
POLLOCK	NO LIMIT	19"
RED DRUM	1	18"- 27"
SCUP (PORGY)	50	10" (Jan.1-Feb.28 July 1-Dec.31)
SHAD	6	NO LIMIT
SPANISH MACKEREL	10	14"
LOBSTER	6	3 11/32" (Jan.1-June 30) 3 3/8" (effective July1)
	(carapace length)	



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